Custodial Deaths in Uttar Pradesh

3689. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of deaths which took place in police custody in Uttar Pradesh during 1995-96;

(b) whether the custodial deaths have been inquired into; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Violation of Human Rights

3690. SHRI ASHOK ARGAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of violation of the human rights received by the Government and Human Rights Commission during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Census 1991

3691. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the categories of data collected during the 1991 census has not yet been released;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the data pertaining to child labour has still not been released; and

(d) the date by which the Government would release the data on child labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Data collected during the 1991 Census are being processed and released in stages as was being done in the past Censuses.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Data on the number of children aged 5-14 years (child labour) who are main workers or marginal workers; number of child main workers engaged as Cultivators, Agricultural Labourers, Household Industries and Other Workers; educational level of child main workers and whether the child workers (main or marginal) are attending school have been released.

(d) Question does not arise.

Demonstration at Jantar Mantar

3692. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bharat Tibet Maitri Sangh Himalayan committee for action on Tibet and Tibet Mukti Sangharsh Samiti staged a peaceful demonstration on 28.11.96 and 29.11.96 at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi in protest against the visit of the President of China to India;

(b) if so, the details of the person, organisations and MPs who participated in the demonstration; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. On 28.11.96, about 100 workers of "Indo Tibet Friendship Society" staged a demonstration from Jantar Mantar to Parliament Street under the leadership of Shri Mukand Bihari Farik. Their demands were "Pannchim Lama Ko azad karo". Acharya Nagendra Dev of Banaras Hindu University; Prof. Raj Kumar Jain, Delhi University; Prof. Anand Kumar of Jawaharlal Nehru University; Ms. Jaya Jetley, General Secretary, Samata Party etc. were the prominent participants. Shri Rabi Roy, former Speaker, Lok Sabha and Shri S.P. Malviya, M.P. Rajya Sabha also visited Jantar Mantar for sometime during lunch hour on 28.11.96.

On 29.11.96 around 39 workers of "Indo Tibet Maitri Sangh" staged a demonstration from Jantar Mantar to Rashtrapati Bhawan. They were supported by 197 workers of Angan Wari under the leadership of Shri George Fernandes, M.P. (Lok Sabha). Ms. Jaya Jetley, General Secretary, Samata Party was also a prominent participant.

(c) India and China are working towards a friendly, good neighbourly, constructive and cooperative relationship, while addressing outstanding issues. There is no change in India's policy on Tibet.

Jain Commission of Inquiry

3693. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the target date of submission of report of the Jain Commission,

(b) the details of sitting held so far along with the present stage of the inquiry;

(c) the original date fixed for submission of the Commission Report; and

(d) the reasons for its delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The term of the Jain Commission of Inquiry has been extended upto 28.2.1997 with the stipulation that the Commission shall submit its report as soon as possible but not later than 28.2.1997.

(b) The total number of sittings of the commission held so far is 217. The Commission has examined till date, 64 witnesses and marked 866 Exhibits. The inquiry is at the stage of recording of evidence.

(c) and (d). The Jai Commission Inquiry was set up with effect from 23.8.1991 with the stipulation that the Commission shall submit its report as soon as possible but not later than six months. However, the Commission's Term has been extended from time to time keeping in view the sensitivity and magnitude of the task involved.

Levy Sugar Price Equalisation Fund

3694. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the settlement of Levy Sugar Price Equalisation Fund (SPEF) account between the Food Corporation of India and the Government of Kerala is pending since 1980;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : a) to (c). Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. has preferred Levy Sugar Price Equalisation Fund accounts with the Food Corporation of India upto 31.3.1993 and the same has already been passed. There are some differences for which clarification was sought. Clarification regarding transportation etc. have since been given by the Ministry on 18.10.1996 in order to expedite settlement of the claims.

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Fencing of Border

3695. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :
SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to resume the abandoned project of fencing along the Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, the reasons for discontinuance of fencing the border; and

(c) the total area of the border that remains to be fenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). The project for fencing the Indo-Pak border has not been abandoned by the Government. Only the work on Jammu border was held up due to firing from Pakistan side. Re-starting of fencing work on Jammu Sector of International Border is under active consideration of the Government.

(c) The entire border of Punjab, except certain gaps which could not be taken up due to reverine/low lying areas, has been fenced. Out of 1035 Kms. long Rajasthan border, fencing in 720 Kms. has been completed and the work in 145 Kms. has been taken up which is scheduled to be completed by December, 1997. After completion of this stretch, fencing in 131 Kms. will be taken up and completed by December, 1998. The remaining 39 Kms. will be fenced thereafter.

Feasibility studies for ditch-cum-bund along the Rann area of Gujarat and modified type of border fencing suitable for such terrain will be carried out soon.

Alleged Corruption in Food Corporation of India

3696. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY :
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether many Members of Parliament have written letters to the Government in regard to the alleged corruption in the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the number of Members of Parliament who have complained since July 1, and the details of complaints;

(c) whether no effective action is being taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government to this?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since July 1, 1996, 5 references have been received from Hon'ble Members of Parliament in regard to corruption in FCI. A statement is enclosed.

(c) and (d). The Government is prompt in taking action against the corrupt officers/officials. Departmental action is initiated against the delinquent officials and deterrent punishment is awarded to those found guilty.

STATEMENT

References Received from Hon'ble Member of Parliaments in Regard to Corruption in FCI.

S.N.	Gist and Source of Complaint	Action Taken
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1.	The complaint dated 24.8.96 of the Confederation of Flour Mills of Southern State forwarded by Dr. K.P. Ramlingam, M.P. (Lok Sabha), - alleges that FCI	Information has been received from FCI. The matter is under examination.